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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-19 are subject to restriction and/or election.

Election Requirement

The Examiner has stated that the application contain claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. The Examiner states the species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants believe that the Examiner's statements are in error. Applicants provide PCT Rule 13.1, "The international application shall relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept ("requirement of unity of invention")." Applicants respectfully submit that the "compounds of formula 1," as cited by the Examiner form a single general inventive concept under 13.1.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has failed to provide any evidence or provide any argument that the species lack a special technical feature.

For searching purposes, Applicants select the compound A1.10, wherein:

A is CH

A' is CH

R1 is NHCH(CH₃)CH₂OCH₃

R2 is H

R3 is H

R4 is Cl

R5 is H

R6 is H

i is 0

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For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present response overcomes all outstanding objections and rejections. Applicants respectfully request Examination of all claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-1676 in the name of Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.

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